

# FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

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## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION/EAST CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scott Harbertson, Council Members Richard Dutson, Sid Young, David Hale, incoming Council members Jim Talbot and John Bilton, City Manager Max Forbush, City Engineer Paul Hirst, and Recording Secretary Kami Mahan. Cory Ritz and Paula Alder arrived later in the meeting.

**Mayor Harbertson** opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m., and **Max Forbush** offered the invocation.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December 15, 2009, City Council meeting, and no further business was conducted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/CITY CHAMBERS/CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scott C. Harbertson, Council Members Richard Dutson, David Hale, Paula Alder, Sid Young, Cory Ritz, City Manager Max Forbush, City Engineer Paul Hirst, City Recorder Margy Lomax, and Recording Secretary Kami Mahan. New Council members John Bilton and Jim Talbot were also present.

**Mayor Harbertson** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Cory Ritz** offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout **Braydon Scheele**. The **Mayor** welcomed Scout troop 1319, and Farmington Youth City Council members **Mareille Jewett** (YCC Mayor), **McKenzie Madsen**, **Ashleigh Hefner**, **Kara Riley**, **Haley Harbertson**, **Tasha Fernley**, **Sarah Bilton**, and **Melissa Welling**. The **Mayor** thanked the YCC members for their work on the Youth Council, and he also acknowledged the presence of **David Hale's** and **Paula Alder's** families.

### **Motion**

A motion was made by **Rick Dutson** and seconded by **Cory Ritz** to move to Agenda Item #11 for the purpose of approving previous minutes. The Council approved the minutes, and returned to Agenda Item #2.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT/SERVICE AWARDS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVID HALE & PAULA ALDER. (Agenda Item #2)**

Outgoing Council members **David Hale** and **Paula Alder** joined **Mayor Harbertson** at the

podium. The **Mayor** expressed his thanks and appreciation to **Mr. Hale** and **Ms. Alder** and their families. He noted **Paula Alder**'s dedication to the Youth City Council, her work with the Parks and Recreation Department and the City Arts Council, and her willingness to volunteer for any assignment. He presented **Ms. Alder** with a medallion pendant, the Farmington coin, and a bouquet of flowers. **Ms. Alder** expressed how much she has enjoyed her time on the Council, particularly in working with the YCC.

The **Mayor** commended **David Hale** on his leadership, dependability, and support, and noted his work on Mosquito Abatement and the Benchland Water Board. He presented **Mr. Hale** with a service ring and the Farmington coin. **Mr. Hale** spoke about his opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission and City Council, and he encouraged others to become involved in public service.

New Council members **Jim Talbot** and **John Bilton** joined the Council on the stand.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS - JUDGE DAVID M. CONNORS. (Agenda Item #3)**

Judge **David M. Connors** was invited forward, and he administered the Oath of Office to **Mayor Harbertson**. **John Bilton** and **Jim Talbot** also took the Oath of Office as members of the City Council. The **Mayor** expressed his appreciation to his wife and family, and to **Max Forbush**, **Margy Lomax**, and members of the City Council.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VARIOUS CITY COMMITTEES AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS. (Agenda Item #4)**

**Mayor Harbertson** reviewed the Council committee assignments, which will be as follows:

1. Personnel/Problems Resolution Committee: Sid Young and Cory Ritz
2. Special Events Liaisons: Mayor Harbertson and Cory Ritz
3. Development Review committee: Jim Talbot, Rick Dutson, and John Bilton
4. Historic Preservation Liaisons: Jim Talbot and John Bilton
5. Youth City Council Director and Assistant Director: Mayor Harbertson and Rick Dutson
6. Trails Committee Liaisons: Sid Young and Jim Talbot

Other proposed appointments:

1. John Bilton as Farmington City representative to the Davis Chamber of Commerce.
2. Sid Young as Farmington City representative to the Utah League of Cities and Towns.
3. Cory Ritz as Davis County Mosquito Abatement Board (January 2010 through December 2011).

4. Rick Dutson as Mayor Pro Tempore, commencing January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

**Motion**

**Rick Dutson** moved to approve the Resolution appointing City Council Members to various City Committees and other assignments. The motion was seconded by **Sid Young**, and approved by Councilmen **Dutson, Young, Bilton, Ritz, and Talbot**.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS. (Agenda Item #5)**

**Mayor Harbertson** reviewed the appointments of the following offices:

- City Manager - Max Forbush
- City Recorder - Margy L. Lomax
- City Treasurer - Shannon Harper
- Police Chief - Wayne D. Hansen
- Fire Chief - Larry A. Gregory
- City Attorney - Todd Godfrey and the firm of Mazuran & Hayes
- City Engineer - Paul J. Hirst and CRS Consulting Engineers

**Motion**

A motion was made by **Sid Young**, and seconded by **Cory Ritz**, to approve the Resolution appointing other Municipal Officials. Councilmen **Young, Ritz, Talbot, Dutson, and Bilton** all voted in favor.

**CONSIDERATION OF ELKS CLUB REQUEST FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR. (Agenda Item #6)**

Several names were suggested by Council members, and it was agreed that Bob Hasenyager be nominated as Citizen of the Year for his service as a past City Councilman and Planning Commissioner, and his work on establishing the Nature Center at Farmington Bay.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR \$500 SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTION TOWARD MOUNTAIN STATES IDEA EXCHANGE ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC). (Agenda Item #7)**

**Mayor Harbertson** explained this proposal, and said his only concern is the City's policy that any contributions must have a direct benefit to Farmington. Council members discussed the effect the City's contribution would have on the brokerage community in view of the developing

commercial base. The issue of what the City would receive for its contribution was discussed, and the Council agreed to approve the request. **Max Forbush** explained that the money would come from the contingency fund.

### **Motion**

**Rick Dutson** moved to grant the request for the \$500.00 contribution, with the understanding that the **Mayor** will contact CenterCal and Barry Smith about the City's participation in the ICSC conference. **Jim Talbot** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Councilmen **Dutson, Talbot, Bilton, Ritz, and Young**.

### **FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS (Agenda Item #8)**

#### **1. Water Rate Meeting with Lagoon**

**Mayor Harbertson** noted that Council members have until the middle of the month to contact City Engineer Susie Petheram with their comments concerning Lagoon's water rates. The Council briefly discussed commercial rates, including Lagoon.

#### **2. Meeting with J.H. Ranches**

The **Mayor** requested that **Jim Talbot** and **John Bilton** participate in a meeting with J.H. Ranches concerning property they plan to develop.

#### **3. Meeting with Davis County Commission**

**Max Forbush** explained the City's desire to stay involved in the building process as the County Commission constructs its new campus buildings in the City. He said a letter has been sent to the Commission requesting that the City and the citizens be kept involved in the process. He also said that he, the **Mayor**, and **Rick Dutson** have been involved, and asked **Jim Talbot** to join them in attending a meeting on the matter.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE (Agenda Item #9)**

**Max Forbush** distributed copies of a municipal budget summary for the new City Hall, and an aerial map of the Rocky Mountain Power transmission lines in relation to Benchland Water reservoirs.

#### **1. Benchland Water District Agreement**

**Mr. Forbush** reviewed a short history of the proposed agreement with Benchland, and noted the significant savings to both the City and Benchland Water District if the U.S. Forest Service issues a permit to Benchland Water to construct an open reservoir on Forest Service property. He said part of the agreement requires a commitment from the District to try to move power transmission lines away from the vicinity of the proposed new reservoir. He also said it was learned during the 2003 fires that the hillside open reservoirs are a beneficial resource for helicopters to dip their tanks into for fighting fires.

**Mr. Forbush** said the **Mayor** has written a letter proposing that the City work with Benchland to pay part of the cost of moving the transmission line if the Forest Service does not contribute half the cost. The plan is for this to be a joint construction project, which will be bid toward the end of January. The bid will not be awarded until the Forest Service gives a permit. **Mr. Forbush** said he will send a letter to the Salt Lake District ranger. He added that representatives of the Forest Service and the Community Fire Committee will meet with the City, on January 13, 2010, and that Council members are welcome to attend.

**Cory Ritz** commended the City Manager and the Mayor in coming up with this concept, and noted its significant benefit to the community.

## **2. Report on new City Hall Construction**

**Max Forbush** reviewed amounts in the budget summary of revenues and expenditures for the new City Hall, and these were briefly discussed. **Mr. Forbush** said the Finance Director is reviewing the budget and itemizing costs, and that the purchase of some furnishings may be postponed. Also, pursuant to the decision of the prior City Council to have the building last to buildout, 3,500 to 4,000 square feet will remain unfinished. **Mr. Forbush** said Council members were welcome to attend the meeting with architects and a walk-through of the building on Wednesday, January 6th, at 2:00 p.m.

### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Agenda Item #10)**

**Mayor Harbertson** recommended that a mini-retreat for the Council be held to review and refine the City's goals. It was suggested that this be a two-day event, with a casual Friday night dinner with spouses, and a Saturday morning work session. The Council agreed to schedule the retreat for January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Department heads will be invited to at least one of the meetings.

The **Mayor** reported that a meeting would be held with Rich Haws concerning his development on Friday, January 8th at 9:30 a.m. The **Mayor** also passed around a 2010 Town Hall meeting schedule and requested that each Council member sign up for four or five meetings.

**Sid Young** reported on a meeting with Jerry Stevenson concerning the fire break road. He also said he would attend tomorrow night's town hall meeting. **Mr. Young** briefly explained proposed ATV (all terrain vehicles) legislation, and said he hopes there will be a response soon.

**Rick Dutson** announced that a YCC-sponsored dance would be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

**Jim Talbot** said if his help was needed on anything to contact him.

**Margy Lomax** will send an e-mail reminder to Council members regarding the January 27<sup>th</sup> “Day at the Legislature.”

### **MISCELLANEOUS (Agenda Item #11)**

The minutes of the City Council meeting held December 15, 2009, were reviewed during the work session. A few corrections were made, and the Council approved the minutes. (This motion was made prior to the swearing in of new Council members.)

### **Motion**

**David Hale** moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009, City Council meeting, and the motion was seconded by **Paula Alder**. The motion was approved by Council members **Alder, Dutson, Ritz, Young, and Hale**.

**Minute Motion adjourning to closed session, if necessary, for reasons permitted by law.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Rick Dutson** moved to adjourn, and **Cory Ritz** seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Margy Lomax, City Recorder  
Farmington City